GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RESUMPTION OF AIR LINK BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN
SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government have recently announced resumption of over flights rights to Pakistan;

(b)if so, the ground on which such a decision was announced;

(c)whether Pakistan has refused to accord permission to the Indian flights to use its air space ; and

(d)if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (d)Pakistan President General Pervez Musharraf had committed on May 27 and June 6 to end cross-border infiltration and on a permanent basis. On June 10, in recognition of this commitment, Government of India had announced the removal of restrictions on over-flights by Pakistani aircraft that had been in place since January 2002, following the attack on our Parliament. Pakistan has not taken any subsequent steps on the matter.